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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$1,400,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

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H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP,.....\$3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGÈRE, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONTE,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Bank.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....\$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$800,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

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RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL,.....\$933,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....\$465,250.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$20,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39A, THEBENEDICTINE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

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NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.
NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

WE have authorised Mr JOHN MACGREGOR to Sign our Firm.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1879. del

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER
AND
COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED on the 23rd September A.C.

Mr C. STIEBEL is authorized to Sign our Firm.

REISS & Co.,
Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.
Hongkong, October 3, 1879. ja3

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, Dr EASTLACK will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. See80

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. See80

Entertainment.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE First CONCERT of the SEASON will be given in St. ANDREW'S HALL on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, at 9 p.m., in aid of the Fund for the RELIEF of the WIDOWS and CHILDREN of the BRITISH SOLDIERS who fell in the Zulu War. Tickets may be obtained from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. on and after Monday, the 17th Inst.

W. WHEELER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, November 10, 1879. no24

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON AND SAUNDERS.

GUINNESS'S EXTRA STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, in Casks of 4 doz.Quarts.
8 doz.Pints.

Apply to ED. CHASTEL,
Bank Buildings.
Hongkong, November 10, 1879. no17

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX: Quarts,.....\$17 per Case of 1 doz. Pints,.....\$18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21fe80

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALKER, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1875.

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THE AMENDED HONG LIST, in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY.

the 15th November, 1879, at Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

An Invoice of REVOLVERS, and Double Barrelled FOWLING PIECES, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
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Hongkong, Nov. 12, 1879. no15

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Hongkong, March 5, 1879. del

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KELLY & WALSH,
The Bund.
Shanghai, 30th Oct., 1879. no19

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Hongkong, November 5, 1879. 4f

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, October 20, 1879. no20

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st December.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in Particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately added an EXTENSIVE MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the Dock are:—450 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft.

Office, 20, PRATY CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 40c80

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(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer "EMUY," BLANCO, Master, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, November 13, 1879. no15

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "VENICE," P. L. RHODE, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, November 8, 1879. no15

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "SUEZ," J. D. EATON, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th Inst., at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 8, 1879. no15

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON VIA SAIGON.

The Steamship "RADNORSHIRE," DAVIES, Commander, expected here on or about the 17th Instant, has room for about 500 tons Tea. She will call at Saigon for a part Cargo.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 10, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "STENTOR," Capt. J. KIRKPATRICK, will be despatched on or about the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, November 4, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Company's Steamship "PATROCLUS," Captain W. WHITE, will be despatched on or about the 21st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, November 12, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "ACHILLES," Capt. C. ANDERSON, will be despatched on or about the 1st Proximo.

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MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
BEG to announce the ARRIVAL of the following FIRST-CLASS
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Fine Eastern HAMS.
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Boston MACKEREL.
SALMON BELLIES.
Family PIG PORK and BEEF in Kegs.
Pickled OX-TONGUES.
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Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. tins.
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BORDEN'S Condensed MILK (very fresh).
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Long ASPARAGUS (very fine).

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CARTRIDGES, &c., &c.
Hongkong, October 15, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.
THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.
Under the Distinguished Patronage of
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
J. P. HENNESSY, C.M.G.
ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.
SIGNOR CAGLI has the honour to announce that he will give a
GRAND OPENING CONCERT,
As an Introduction to the OPERA SEASON,
TO-MORROW EVENING,
Saturday, Nov. 15th.

PROGRAMME:
FIRST PART.
1.—Cavatina Concertella..... Rossini.
Signor CORTESI.
2.—Duo Trovatore..... Verdi.
Signora GENOLINI, Signor BERGAMASCHI.
3.—Romanza Forza del Destino..... Verdi.
Signor SERRAVALLO.
4.—Aria Favorita (O mio Fernando)..... Donizetti.
Signora GENOLINI.
5.—Duo Trovatore (Al nostro monti)..... Verdi.
Signora GENOLINI and Signor SERRAVALLO.
6.—Finale Ernani (O sommo Carlo)..... Verdi.
By THE COMPANY.

SECOND PART.
1.—Grand Duo Saff..... Puccini.
Signora GENOLINI and MANGINI.
2.—Cavatina Figaro (Barbiere)..... Rossini.
Signor BERGAMASCHI.
3.—Duo Ruiz Blas..... Marchetti.
Signora GENOLINI and Signor SERRAVALLO.
4.—Grand Aria Salvatore Rosa..... Gomez.
Signor BERGAMASCHI.
5.—Aria Elestre d'Amore..... Donizetti.
Signor CORTESI.
6.—First act Trovatore, including Aria Romanza and Terzetto..... Verdi.
Signora GENOLINI and Signori SERRAVALLO and BERGAMASCHI.

Prices of Admission:
Dress Circle.....\$3.
Family Tickets to admit three.....\$7.
Stalls.....\$2.
Back Seats.....\$1.
Doors Open at 8.30; Performance to commence at 9 p.m.
Tickets may be obtained from Messrs KELLY and WALSH'S, where a Plan of the Theatre can be seen.
This Concert will be given to enable the Public to judge of the merits of this Great Company, and if sufficient support can be obtained the Director proposes to give a Subscription Series of Eight different Operas. The Subscription for the season will be for a single Ticket \$18, for a Family Ticket, admitting Three Persons, not transferable, \$40.
Hongkong, November 14, 1879. n16

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
S. S. **AMAZONE.**
NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Indus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before Noon To-day, the 14th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 21st Inst. at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, November 14, 1879. no21

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship "K'WANGTUNG,"
Captain ABOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, November 14, 1879. no18

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship "TANIS,"
Command. DELA MARCELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA TO-MORROW, the 15th Inst., at 1 p.m.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, November 14, 1879. no16

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship "AMAZONE,"
Commandant LORIMER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI TO-MORROW, the 15th Inst., at 5 p.m.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, November 14, 1879.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship "AMAZONE,"
Commandant LORIMER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI TO-MORROW, the 15th Inst., at 5 p.m.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, November 14, 1879.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship "AMOY,"
G. H. DENNIS, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, Saturday, the 15th Inst., at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIMMONS & Co.
Hongkong, November 14, 1879. no15

To-day's Advertisements.
SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.
The Steamship "MERIONTHSHIRE,"
RICKARD, Commander, expected here on or about the 18th inst., will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 14, 1879.

TREASURY BILLS.
TENDERS OF SPECIE. Mexican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing 7.17, in exchange for BILLS, drawn at 10 days sight, on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, will be RECEIVED by the TREASURER until 12 Noon, MONDAY, the 17th Instant.
The Tenders to state the Total Amount required, and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn; but no Bills will be issued for sums below £1,000.
The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Sealed Covers, addressed to "The Treasurer," and endorsed "Tenders for Treasury Bills."
The right to accept, or reject, any or all the Tenders is reserved.
J. MUSKETT, Captain, Treasurer.
Treasury Office, Commissioners Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 13th Nov., 1879. no16

Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
HAZEL HOLME, British barque, Capt. J. Wm. Millican.—Vogel & Co.
PAUL MARIE, French barque, Capt. F. Gaillard.—Carlioz & Co.
OSBERON, German barque, Captain S. S. Schmidt.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
EBENEZER, British barkentine, Captain J. Milne.—Melchers & Co.
PALMA, German barque, Capt. Bing.—Melchers & Co.
ZEPHYR, British barque, Captain John Cornford.—Abdoollally Ebrahim & Co.

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
Nov. 14, *Amazona*, French steamer, 2102, Lormier, Marseilles Oct. 5, Naples 7, Port Said 11, Suez 13, Aden 18, Galle 28, Singapore Nov. 5, and Saigon 8, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
Nov. 14, *Olaf*, Danish steamer, 976, J. A. Andersen, Sydney Oct. 11, Newcastle 19, and Cooktown 27, Coal.—Geo. R. STEVENS & Co.
Nov. 14, *Benedict*, British steamer, 1000, James Ross, Fochow Nov. 12, Tea.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
Nov. 14, *Amoy*, British steamer, from Canton.
Nov. 14, *Kwangtung*, British steamer, 674, Abbott, Fochow Nov. 11, Amoy 12, and Swatow 13, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Nov. 14, *Zephyr*, British barque, 395, John Cornford, Bangkok Oct. 16, General.—ABDOULLALLY EBRAHIM.
DEPARTURES.
Nov. 14, *Douglas*, for Coast Ports.
14, *Wash*, for Haiphong.
14, *Norseman*, for Bangkok.
14, *H.M.S. Egria*, for a cruise.
CLEARED.
Yotung, for Swatow.
Hans, for Hamburg.
PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per *Amazona*, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Mr. Brown, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Pilon; from Suez, Mr. Travers (German Consul) and servant; from Singapore, Mr. Denny, Father Lemmonier, Mr. Cagli and Opera Troupe, and 5 Chinese; from Saigon, Mr. Lalande, and 65 Chinese.—For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Haas, Messrs. Walsh and Skipworth, Rev. J. J. Zetzel, Lui Yang Fu, and Za Len Lean; from Port Said, Mr. Statopolis.—For Yokohama: from Marseilles, Messrs. Broachen, Oppert, Yatake, Collins and son, Woodisord, Doderlein, Katsura, and Schaaf; from Batavia, Mr. de Montandun; from Saigon, Messrs. Cantellier and Stephan and 7 companions.
Per *Olaf*, from Sydney, &c., Rev. T. W. Davis, and 39 Chinese.
Per *Kwangtung*, from Coast Ports, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Schonfeldt, Messrs. Robinson, Schonfeldt and Thomas, and 121 Chinese.
Per *Zephyr*, from Bangkok, 2 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per *Douglas*, for Swatow, Capt. O'Bergh, and Mr. Yassoon; for Amoy, Mr. and Mrs. Danver.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The Danish steamer *Olaf* reports: Fine weather to Mindoro Straits. Rough and stormy in the China Sea with the wind wearing round from the North-west to the North-east.
The British steamer *Benedict* reports: Fine weather throughout.
The British barque *Zephyr* reports: First part light baffling winds and calms; latter part strong gales, northerly and north-easterly.
The British steamer *Kwangtung* reports: Left Fochow the 11th inst., and arrived in Amoy the 12th; left the same day, and arrived in Swatow the 18th inst.; left the same day for Hongkong. Had throughout the passage moderate N.E. monsoon and fine weather. In Fochow: S. S. *Benedict*. In Amoy: H. M. S. *Frolic*. In Swatow: S. S. *Hwai Tuen*, and *Hakon Adelaar*.

CARGO.
Per S. S. *Agamemnon*, Hongkong to London, sailed 11th November.—128,470 lbs. Congou, 142,372 lbs. Scented Capar, 28,460 lbs. Scented Orange Pekos, and 760 lbs. Sorts—total 295,042 lbs.; 241 bales Waste Silk, 50 bales Funjoo, 29 pkgs. Silk Piece Goods, and 466 pkgs. Sundries.—For New York, 13 pkgs. Chinaware.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—
For AMOY AND MANILA.—
Per *Amoy*, at noon, on Saturday, the 15th inst.
For YOKOHAMA.—
Per S. S. *Tanis*, To-morrow, the 15th inst. Registry ceases at 0.15 p.m. Mail closes at 0.30 p.m. Paid Correspondence may then be posted in the movable box on board the Packet.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALOUTTA.—
Per *Venice* and *Suez*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst.
For HIOGO, YOKOHAMA (AND NAGASAKI).—
Per *Nagata Maru*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst.
For SHANGHAI.—
Per S. S. *Amazona*, To-morrow, the 15th inst. Registry ceases at 3.45 p.m. Mail closes at 4 p.m. Late Letters received from 4.10 to 4.30 with 18 cents Late Fee. Paid Correspondence may then be posted in the movable box on board the Packet.

Per *Amoy*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst.
For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ, AND LONDON.—
Per *Benedict*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst.
For SWATOW.—
Per *Yotung*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For HOIHOW AND PAKHOL.—
Per *Kungchow*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 16th inst., instead of as previously notified.
For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—
Per *Kwangtung*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 17th inst.
For BANGKOK.—
Per *Rajanattianchar*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 17th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet *Am* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.
The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails; &c.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet *Kashgar* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd Inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

HOURS OF CLOSING.
THE CONTRACT MAILS.
The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—
Day before departure.
5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Day of departure.
7 a.m.—Post Office opens.
10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until
11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

Quotations.
HONGKONG, November 13.
OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$500.
Old, cash, 582.
New Benares, cash, 510.
Old, cash, 510.
New Malwa, credit, 715.
Allowance Teals, 715.
Old Malwa, credit, 765.
Allowance Teals, 765.

Exchange.
Bank, Wire, 3/02.
Demand, 3/10.
30 days' sight, 3/10.
4 months' sight, 3/10.
Credit, 4 months' sight, 3/11.
India, Wire, 22 1/2.
Demand, 22 1/2.
Shanghai, demand, 72 1/2.
80 days' sight, 72 1/2.
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine, 27.05.
Sovereigns, 6.26.

Shares.
Hongkong Bank, 57 1/2 prem. sellers.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,350, sales.
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,350, sales.
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1.125.
Yongtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 725.
Chinese Insurance Co., \$300, sales.
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$300, sales.
China Fire Ins. Co., \$215, sales.
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 14 1/2 prem. nominal.
H.K. C. M. S. Boat Co., \$12 prem., sales.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 11.
China Coast S. Nav. Co., Tls. 97.
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$68.
Hongkong Sugar Refining Co., \$150, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal.
Do. 1877, do.

Temperature.
(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)
HONGKONG, November 13.
BAROMETER.—9 a.m. 30.276
Do. 1 p.m. 30.20
Do. 4 p.m. 30.200
THERMOMETER.—9 a.m. 78
Do. 1 p.m. 74
Do. 4 p.m. 72
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 a.m. 65
Do. Do. 1 p.m. 66
Do. Do. 4 p.m. 66
Do. Maximum 74
Do. Minimum overnight 65

MEALS FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Noon.—*Amoy* leaves for Yokohama.
1 p.m.—*Tanis* leaves for Yokohama.
3 p.m.—*Venice* and *Suez* leave for Singapore, &c.
3 p.m.—*Mitsu Bishi* Mail leaves for Yokohama via Kobe.
4 p.m.—*Amoy* leaves for Shanghai.
5 p.m.—*Amazona* leaves for Shanghai.

Auction.
Noon.—Auction of Revolvers, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sales Rooms.
Meetings.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Proseverance Lodge.
Amusement.
9 p.m.—Operatic Concert at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.
MONDAY, November 17:—
Noon.—Tenders for Treasury Bills received by the Treasurer.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Proseverance Lodge.
TUESDAY, November 18:—
Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast Ports.
Goods per *Glenfalloch* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
FRIDAY, November 21:—
Goods per *Amazona* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.
SATURDAY, November 22:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
MONDAY, November 24:—
9 p.m.—Choral Society in St. Andrew's Hall.
WEDNESDAY, December 3:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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BIRTH.
On the 27th Sept., at Richmond House, the Chinese Legation, the Marchioness TSENG, of a Son.
DEATH.
On the 17th Sept., at Gravesend, T. W. THATCHER, formerly Commander in the China trade.
The publication of this issue commenced at 7.35 p.m.

THIS CHINA MAIL.
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOV. 14, 1879.
It is a trite but true saying that "good wide needs no bush," and it may similarly be said that the well-ordered words of an honest man require nothing beyond the intelligence of right-thinking men. This may truly be applied to the letter from the pen of the Hon. W. Keswick, published in last night's issue. As we stated on the day after the discussion, the Hon. Member had led many to suppose that he was perfectly satisfied with the so-called explanation tendered in Council by H. E. the Governor. The reasons now given for removing such an erroneous impression are of such a nature as will commend themselves to most sensible residents in this Colony, except perhaps the nondescript who, under false colours and through coloured spectacles, has been detected "quizzing" a community to which he does not fairly belong. It is pleasing to note the straightforward manner in which Mr Keswick states his case, and the perfectly frank way he explains why he apparently came short of his duty by not more fully and explicitly representing the general feeling of the mercantile community. In these days, when the wholesome rule is so frequently abandoned, of making crooked places straight, this is indeed most refreshing; while the unconscious irony thus cast upon one representative of our mercantile interests, whose masterly inactivity and golden silence are thus brought into powerful contrast, is very striking. There is a strong coincident likeness between the points referred to in Mr Keswick's explanatory letter and those taken up in our own uninspired remarks—"famous" or not as you will, but truthful and plain-spoken—which appeared on the evening after the discussion. The known character of the Hon. Member, and his calm, deliberate manner, will give weight to what he has now written; and it is matter for congratulation that he has so entirely set himself right with those whose views and interests he so ably represents.

There is one point in Mr Keswick's letter which ought to be specially noted—viz., the absence of personal feeling in his consistent opposition to the policy of the present Governor. He writes:—"I have never allowed, in calling attention to questions, the smallest degree of personal feeling to be shown: my motives have been public, not personal." This is the only true standpoint upon which public criticism of any kind can be made. It is unfortunately the fashion in certain circles here—and the defect is one peculiar to small communities—to regard every one who takes a prominent part in public discussions in Hongkong, and who dares to express his opinions freely and openly, as necessarily a personal enemy of those criticised. That such a pernicious notion is assiduously fostered is much to be regretted; for, as Mr Keswick says (and it is especially true under the conditions above alluded to), "the strong condemnation of the policy that was pursued prevents that confidence which it is so desirable should exist between the Head of the Executive and the law-abiding residents of all nationalities in the Colony." Although Mr Keswick touches upon one or two points in the Governor's public utterances, to which we have not as yet alluded the hon. member does not attempt to deal with the charges which might properly be said to have been levelled at himself personally; and in thus acting he commands the respect of all who have carefully watched his public demeanour in the past, and especially for the last two years.

It is the business of newspaper men to know something of the law of libel, but it is also one of their duties to give publicity to much miscellaneous writing by way of correspondence which emanates from persons who do not care to study the rules which regulate public criticism. Occasionally, therefore, it may not be out of place to drop a few hints for the guidance of those gentlemen who cultivate the admirable habit of "writing to the papers" on subjects of common interest. As an authority has laid it down, "It is extremely difficult to define what amounts to libellous matter, for the question—whether a publication amounts to libel must always be left to the decision of a jury, and this decision is somewhat uncertain, and varies with the popular mood for the time. But the test is, in point of law, whether there is general degradation of character." In a general sense, the absence of personal malice on the part of the writer is the safest criterion by which to judge of the harmlessness or otherwise of a published communication referring to a public officer. It has been well stated that every one has a right to comment on the public acts of public men, so long as nothing is said or written "imputing to them such conduct as disgraces and dishonours them in private life; but the 'privilege' of such communications ceases, and will not furnish a defence, if from the acts or words of the writer (or publisher) it can be shown that he was actuated by personal malice. The truth of a libel counts for nothing unless it is for the public benefit that it should be published. On the subject of motives, another authority thus clearly defines a public writer's duty:—

With respect to publications on the Government, the main question is, whether bad motives are imputed to the members of administration, and whether the motives are couched in terms decent and respectful. The imputation of mere error in judgment, even to the sovereign herself, if done in a respectful manner, is not libellous, 2 Camp. 402. Hence it follows, that though the tendencies of measures may be temperately discussed, they must never be imputed to corrupt design; that no member of the government must be charged with corruption, or with a wish to infringe on the liberties of the people.

The duties of a public writer—and every correspondent who favours us with his written views for publication is a public writer for the time being, though assuredly the responsibility of his published comments devolves upon the publisher—have never been more fully or more clearly defined than by the hard-headed Lord Justice General (Ingles) of the Scotch High Court. He thus laid down the law, how far a journalist (or his correspondents) could go in his criticism of public men:—

Anyone may comment on and criticise the speeches, and writing, and conduct of public men; may charge them with want of judgment, indiscretion, folly or absurdity; may denounce the impolicy of their conduct, or its illegality; and may point out the mischievous consequences that may arise from this conduct. All this one may do without exposing himself to an action for libel, though these charges may be unjust and undeserved. But if anyone, in exercising the right of comment and criticism, imputes to the person of whom he is writing criminal conduct or intention, or corrupt or dishonest base or sordid motive or purpose, he will be answerable in an action of damages for libel, unless he can prove the truth of his imputations, or can satisfy the jury that the imputations are natural and reasonable inferences from the acts, speeches, or writings on which he is commenting; and it would be no answer to such an action for libel, if the imputations are false, that the author of them himself believed them to be true. Any amount of imputation of weakness, or folly, or injudicious or indiscreet conduct, nobody can find fault with. The only answer that can be made to that is to show that it is an unfounded assertion; but when anybody attacks the private character of individuals, charges them with dishonesty with corruption, or acting from base or sordid motives while pretending to act for the public benefit, he exposes himself to an action for libel, and most justly, because he is travelling out of the legitimate sphere of discussion altogether, and imputing motives with which he has nothing to do.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next ENGLISH MAIL may be expected here on Saturday or Sunday by the P. & O. steamer *Thetis*, which left Singapore on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst., by the O. & O. steamer *Belgic*, which left San Francisco on the 25th ult.

The Legislative Council will meet again on Monday next, at 2.30 p.m.

A CROCKET match (Over Thirty v. Under Thirty) will be played to-morrow.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 8.35 this morning. It was landed at 7 a.m. A part of the Canton Mail was despatched to destination, but a few letters and all the newspapers were unavoidably left behind for this evening's steamer.

COMMODORE T. Smith, R.N., proceeds to Canton on Monday next in H. M. S. *Sheldrake*, 4, Lieut. Commander M. L. Bridges. During the absence of the Commodore his duties will be performed by Commander A. L. Douglas, H. M. S. *Egeria*.

H. M. S. *Egeria*, 6, Commander A. L. Douglas, proceeded to sea this morning for target practice. The boat race intended to have been pulled off to-morrow between a crew from the *Egeria* and one from the *Victor Emmanuel* will therefore be postponed for the present. The *Egeria* will probably return to harbour on Sunday evening next.

THE M. M. steamer *Amazona*, which was notified as having left Saigon on Saturday evening last for this port, did not arrive till daylight this morning. In ordinary weather the run to Hongkong is made in four days, but on this trip she experienced strong head winds with a high sea, lengthening the voyage out to about thirty-six hours beyond the usual time.

We have to hand from the author Mr J. J. Henderson, Counsellor-at-Law, a pamphlet, the object of which is "to call the attention of Mandarins, Ministers, Consuls, and others concerned in and for China, to what he believes to be a great need in this country, an International Court for the trial of mixed cases." We shall refer on a later day to the important subject with which the author deals.

Mr John Murray, Chief Engineer of the S. S. *Amoy*, died suddenly about a quarter past six o'clock this morning, while the vessel was entering the harbour. Deceased, who was about 65 years of age, was a native of Glasgow, but spent his younger days in Southampton, where a number of his relatives now reside. He has been on the Coast for the past three years, but has never seemed to enjoy good health, and latterly has been complaining rather more than usual. The funeral took place this afternoon at four o'clock.

STONOR CAGLI, who has arrived by the *Amazona* with a troupe of fifteen artists, —the Royal Italian Opera Company,—announces a Grand Opening Concert for to-morrow night under the patronage of H. E. the Governor. He explains that this concert is given to enable the public to judge of the merits of his company, and states that if sufficient support can be obtained he proposes to give a subscription series of eight different operas. We trust the attendance will be a large one, and that the merit of the company, which may be thus fairly judged of, will be such as will leave no doubt of the success of a short season here.

Mr Val Vose and Mr Ira Brown gave another very successful entertainment last night. The audience was as richly appreciative of both the ventriloquism and the banjo-playing as the performers could wish. Both artists were in better voice, and Mr Brown's songs were greatly appreciated. It has been suggested by a number of the residents that a grand ladies' and children's afternoon performance would be a paying thing. The little ones would immensely enjoy the ventriloquial part of the performances, and as it is impossible of course to take them at night, we believe the announcement of an afternoon performance specially for ladies and children, say in St. Andrew's Hall, would be welcomed heartily in many quarters.

HONGKONG is not free and probably from her position never will be quite free from lofers. They seem to find the much-abused "Jack Ashore" as ready to help them to a meal as anybody high or low; but Jack's way of obtaining the wherewithal to carry out his charitable intent is not quite unobjectionable. It has become quite a habit, the Steward of the Sailors' Home says, for the boarders there to carry out beef and bread &c. from the Home to lofers who hang about outside, and to give them these purloined alms. A check will be given to this practice by the conviction to-day of one of the boarders in the Home for theft (\$5 fine) in having been found carrying out from the Home food concealed in a hat. We have headed the brief report of the prosecution "A Hard Case," because if the lad's

object was to give a dinner to some poor fellow who had claimed mate with him and appealed to him, it does seem hard that the stigma of a convicted thief should have been attached to him for a falling which certainly leaned to virtue's side. The prosecutor himself gave the lad a good character; he said he knew him and that he was a very respectable young fellow. While technically the Magistrate (Mr Plunket) could do nothing else than convict, the accused confessing his fault, an admonition we think might have been deemed sufficient for the ends of justice and would have been less likely to harm the thoughtless youth than his being fined \$5 for theft. A statement from the Bench that these petty acts of dishonesty at the Home must be put a stop to, and a warning that the next case before him would be strictly dealt with would have accomplished all that was desired. The case is noteworthy because the stigma of his having been fined for theft will probably live against him, while the surrounding circumstances which so greatly tone down the heinousness of his offence will assuredly be forgotten; it is always so in this truly Christian and charitable world.

THE Kobe Autumn Regatta took place on the 25th October, and was enlivened by the presence of Admiral Cooke and the Officers of the flag-ship *Iron Duke*, while the Band of the flag-ship discoursed sweet music during the day. An international race, between three crews (German, English, and Scotch), was the important event of the day; and although the Rob Roy Tartan (A. C. Sim, stroke) was the favourite she came in a bad third, the Germans having beaten the English crew by two lengths. As the Scotch rowing men in Kobe have (says the *Hioyo News*) had pretty much their own way for many years, this defeat was a surprise to many. One feature of the Regatta was most creditable to the Kobeites—viz., the large fleet of fine yachts of which the small settlement can boast. No less than six yachts, varying from 14½ to 4½ tons, were entered for a race which took place on 1st November, and a most exciting time was experienced. In a description of the yachts which appears in a late issue of the *Hioyo* paper, it may be noted that the *Alma*, the *Sunbeam*, and the *Erin*, are each spoken of as having been supplied with a fine suit of sails by "Dolan of Hongkong." The fame of this popular Yachtsman's friend has travelled far and wide, and "Argonaut" (in the *News*) records it with apparent pleasure on the shores of Japan.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket).

Friday, Nov. 14.

DUNK AND INCAPABLE.

Frederick Maquire, 26, a seaman residing at the Sailors' Home, was charged with being drunk and incapable in Ladder Street yesterday evening. Defendant admitted the charge and was fined \$1, in default, two days' imprisonment.

SEEKING HIS FORTUNE.

Shek Atai, 12, of Sun On, was charged with stealing a silver bangle from the arm of a child.

Wong Yun Lin, wife of a druggist at Yow-ma-ti, said that yesterday about 4 p.m. she was carrying her child, about six months old, on her back. The defendant pulled the silver bangle (produced) from the arm of the child and ran away. Defendant, who was arrested with the bangle in his hand, admitted the charge and said he had only been fourteen days in the Colony. He came here to seek his fortune, but being destitute was forced to steal.

His Worship sent defendant to goal for fourteen days with hard labor.

A HARD CASE.

Morris McDonald, 20, an Austrian seaman living at the Sailors' Home, was charged with stealing a plate of meat from the mess at the Home this morning.

J. R. White, Steward of the Home, said that his attention had been called this morning to the prisoner by the commodore. Defendant was leaving the Mess Room with beefsteak and bread and butter in a hat. It is a frequent occurrence for some of the men to give away their victuals to outside lofers, and it is desirable to put a stop to this practice. There is no stint in the supplies to the men. Witness believed the defendant to be a very respectable lad, and that some one else was more to blame, but he had no direct evidence beyond the fact that the hat was the property of another sailor named Power who is now staying in the Home.

Defendant admitted the charge and was fined the sum of \$5, in default, to be imprisoned for fourteen days with hard labor. The fine was paid.

SPURIOUS COIN.

Cheung Ayeung, 166, a hawker, was charged with being in possession of more than five pieces of spurious cash on the 13th inst.

Inspector Swanton states at 5.30 p.m. yesterday the defendant was hawking sweetmeats in the village of Shau-ki-wan. Witness went up and found he had about 200 cash altogether in the box produced and 100 on a string.

Sung Cheung Kan, Sheriff of the Magistrate's Court, examined 35 cash and pronounced them broken or counterfeit Chinese coin.

His Worship sentenced prisoner to be fined \$1, or suffer one week's imprisonment; the base coin to be forfeited and destroyed.

(Before O. V. Creagh, Esq.)

GAMBLING.

The case in which Tan Tak and four others were charged on the 11th inst. with gambling in a house, No. 258, Queen's

Road West, was again before the Court to-day, when two more prisoners were put in the dock, making a total of seven. Inspector Thompson led the evidence given on the 11th inst., and added that the sixth defendant is the man who was taken to hospital, and the seventh the registered tenant of the premises.

The first six defendants made various excuses, that they went to look for friends, and so on, one only admitting that he went to gamble. The seventh said he rented the whole house and sub-let the upper floors as a coolie house, occupying the ground floor himself.

Mr Ng Choy appeared for the tenant and pleaded that his client knew nothing of the gambling going on in the upper floors.

His Worship sentenced the first six defendants to pay a fine of \$10 each, in default fourteen days' imprisonment. The seventh defendant to find security in \$200 to be of good behaviour for twelve months, all the money and gambling gear to be confiscated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE H. N. W. KESWICK'S EXPLANATION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

November 14th.

SIR,—I think the Hon. W. Keswick has acted very wisely in addressing you as he has done with regard to the Deportation discussion of Thursday last, and with a view to prevent misconceptions in the public mind concerning it. I note that he removes entirely all possibility of any one (even the Governor) imagining or saying that Mr Keswick was in any way satisfied with His Excellency's statement, which occupies so many pages of the *Gazette*, as clearing away his impressions that there was grave discrepancy between the facts and the Governor's statement that "every man had been reported, whose case was considered by the Executive Council to require deportation and whose sentence was legal according to the opinion of the Attorney General." He says it had the effect of removing from his mind "to a certain extent, the impression that he had acted recklessly and with a disregard for life and property, in unconditionally liberating criminals of the worst class, against the advice of the Executive Council." I had, of course, in a very different thing. I am glad Mr Keswick has now spoken; his explanation over the rest of his letter is a manly, plain, terse, scathing criticism of the undignified speech of Mr. Tennent, which was, besides being unimpeachable in the different other ways he points out, intensely and coarsely personal and purposely offensive towards the two hon. members who had been at the trouble of reading those now famous papers on deportation. The flat contradiction in Council by one hon. member of a statement made by the Governor (his statement being characterized by another hon. member as a wanton statement) is not a thing that ever happened before, within my knowledge, in the history of this Colony. Let us hope that there will be no occasion for the repetition of the spectacle.

QUÆ NOCENT DOCENT.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Amazona* arrived this morning, bringing London advices to Oct. 3rd. The following telegrams are from the Indian papers:—

TELEGRAMS.

Bombay, Oct. 7.—The decisive success yesterday of our troops, in capturing the heights of Charasia had the best results. Sir Fred. Roberts' policy in attacking was the best that could possibly have been followed, the tribes in the neighbourhood and the Kabul people, were just in that state when the slightest hesitation or check would have raised the whole country about us. Now that we have driven the Afghans back, and are now encamped at Beni-Hissar, the moral effect has been enormous. To-day the Hindu and other leading merchants of Kabul came in to the General, and all that remains for us to do is the capture of the entrenched camp at Shepur, north of the city. Three mutinous regiments, which arrived too late to fight yesterday, are there encamped, and are said to mean fighting. In spite of enormous transport difficulties, the great body of our troops is here, and the rest come in early to-morrow.

Kandahar, Oct. 9.—An influential deputa-tion of Alishis arrived yesterday protesting before General Stewart against the return of Mahmud Yusuf Khan as Governor of the province. They alleged gross cruelties and exactions and stated that great excitement prevails in Ghirish. A wing of the 59th and Horse Artillery arrived on Tuesday, escorted. All is well at Khatlat-Gilzal.

Bombay, Oct. 10.—A special telegram to the *Bombay Gazette* from London says that the late Lieut. Hamilton killed at Kabul has been gazetted a Victoria Cross, to which he had been previously recommended.

The Aberdeen University is to erect a memorial to Mr Jenkins, Sir L. Cavagnar's Secretary.

A special to the *Times* of India from London states that Sir Stafford Northcote has acquitted the Ameer of any complicity in the massacre at Kabul. Though the present difficulty would not act as a lesson and warning, it would not lead to serious results beyond those which they all deplored.

The Government were hopeful of a proper settlement being arrived at in Afghanistan.

Bombay, Oct. 10.—Yesterday morning Sir Richard Temple embarked on board the *Ethiopia* for Karachi en route to the frontier to superintend the construction of the Sukkur and Dadur Railway. A guard of honor, consisting of 100 men of the 21st Native Infantry, was drawn up at the Bundar. The Commander-in-Chief and the leading European and native gentlemen were present, and His Excellency was loudly cheered as he left the Bundar.

Simla, Oct. 10.—The Khyber column has been ordered not to advance further at present. The attack on Ali Kheyl took place at dawn on the 14th inst. The enemy were repulsed with very heavy loss. Our own loss was six wounded.

A rumour was circulated yesterday that, consequent on the Ameer's principal officers being found deeply implicated in the massacre of the Embassy, General Roberts has telegraphed for permission to hang a few of them and to imprison the Ameer himself.

Lahore, Oct. 10.—The *Civil and Military Gazette* publishes the following:—

Rest camps have been opened from Lukli, between Kurrahee and Sukkur, and another opened from Khanpur between

Multan and Rohil, for troops arriving from Bombay, &c. The transport arrangements on the Punjab Northern Railway are very bad. Five hundred waggons containing military stores and like stock have been blocking the Lahore railway station. Obstruction will probably increase owing to fresh transport demand.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 16.—General Kauff-man is about to return to his post of Governor-General of Turkestan.

Paris, Oct. 16.—In consequence of the election of a Communist to the Paris Municipal Council and the demonstration made on the arrival of liberated Communists from New Caledonia, as also at their burials, the French Government has discussed the matter and resolved to take preventive measures if the same are continued.

Simla, Oct. 17.—General Roberts tele-graphs from Kabul on the 13th:—Bala Hissar occupied yesterday. Very impressive sight. The Ameer pleaded indisposi-tion, but his eldest son accompanied General Roberts. All the principal Sardars were summoned to hear the Proclamation read. General Gough holds Jellalabad. The news of the victory at Charasia is reported to have produced a notable change in the Khan of Lalpura's demeanour.

General Roberts' Proclamation is to the effect that as the inhabitants had pertinaciously opposed the advance after warn-ing, thus had become rebels, and had added to their previous guilt in abetting the murder of the British envoy and his com-panions, he thought that the British Government could justly totally destroy Kabul, but mercy would be given and the city would be spared. Nevertheless, it must be remembered, was necessary, and therefore the portions of the city which interfere with the military occupation of the Bala Hissar would be immediately levelled, and a heavy fine imposed. Kabul and the surrounding country, within a radius of ten miles would be placed under martial law. A military Governor would be appointed, and the inhabitants were warned to submit to his authority.

A searching enquiry into the circum-stances of the outbreak is being made in order to deal with the participants. Carry-ing arms is forbidden in the city and within a radius of five miles. Persons found armed in a week from the date of the Proclamation would be liable to the penalty of death. Articles belonging to the Em-bassy were to be delivered up with the fire-arms and ammunition. Rewards are offered for all rifles brought; and a reward is also offered for the surrender of any person concerned in the attack on the Em-bassy, or for information leading to the capture of persons who have fought against British troops since the 3rd September. Larger rewards are offered for the Afghan officers.

Simla, Oct. 18.—Details are to hand of the attack on the Shurtugardan and Ser-kaikot on the 14th. At 9 on the morning of the 13th, General Money (Massey) heard that the wire had been cut by the enemy, who intended attacking the Sirikal Kot post.

At seven on the morning of the 14th he despatched a wing of the 21st and two guns under Major Collins to patrol the road. At eight, heavy firing was heard and informa-tion received that 2,000 of the enemy had attacked the post and were engaged with Major Collins. At the same time, the enemy advanced a force on the camp. The real attack was then made on the camp, by 2,000 of the enemy desperately enough, twice charging up to the guns. A decisive bayonet charge was made, and the enemy fled, leaving 40 dead and two standards. They were pursued for two miles. The enemy must have lost 200 killed and wounded. Our loss was Captain Waterford severely wounded, fourteen wounded and two killed.

London, Oct. 18.—At a Conservative meeting at Manchester last night, Lord Salisbury justified the policy which the Government had pursued, with regard to Afghanistan and said that the main principle was one of defence and not dominion. He defended the acquisition of Cyprus, which was a barrier to Russian aggression in South-Eastern Europe. The Balkans were not occupied by the Turks, because no fears are entertained of Russian aggression in that quarter. His lordship said that the occupation of Novibazar by the Austrians precluded the passage of the Danube and the Balkans by the Russians, and that the last hope of European stability rested in Austrian independence and strength. If the rumours of an Austro-German alliance are true, they would be hailed with joy by all who value peace.

The *Times* urges that the Duranis be invited to elect a new Ameer, subject to the approval of the Indian Government.

Cairo, Oct. 18.—The difficulty which has existed between Egypt and Abyssinia has been arranged. King John having renounced all claims to Massawa.

Alahabad, Oct. 18.—General Roberts in his Proclamation offers a reward of fifty rupees for the surrender of any person concerned in the attack on the Embassy, or who has fought against the British since the 3rd September. If a captain or subal-tern, the reward is increased to Rupees 75; if a field officer to Rupees 120. The in-habitants are ordered to produce all arms; for country-made rifles three rupees will be given; for those of European manufacture five rupees. The proclamation forbids the carrying of swords or knives. The Procla-mation was listened to in silence.

The Sardars were then dismissed with the exception of Mustaf Vazeer and Yahiya Khan and his brother, who were detained prisoners pending inquiries into their conduct at the time of the massacre. Strong European guards are placed over them. No commu-nication with outsiders is allowed. Their arrest was quite a surprise to them, not a word having been said beforehand of the General's intention.

Alahabad, Oct. 19.—The telegraph wire has been badly cut between Alikheyl and the Shurtugardan. The interruption evi-dently precludes a fresh attack.

At a meeting of (the Viceroy's) Council on Friday it is believed a conclusion was come to that the events in Afghanistan should be left to develop themselves fur-ther before any new departure can be taken.

Simla, Oct. 19.—The Ameer stated to General Roberts his determination to re-sign the Ameership, saying he intended doing so earlier, but had been persuaded against it. General Roberts requested him to think over his decision, but at a second interview the Ameer declared his resolution unchanged. General Roberts is taking the necessary provisional measures for carrying on the administration.

Simla, Oct. 20.—In consequence of the Ameer's resignation, his son, five years old, will be proclaimed Ameer, with a Council Regency under a British Governor to con-duct the administration during his minority.

Alahabad, Kutra, (1) Oct. 20.—Sixty sepoy and one constable were killed, (2 at Kottia) with Mr Damunt, the Deputy Com-missioner, who was shot while at the gate of a village by Mozama Nagas on the 14th. A detachment leaves at once.

Advices have been received that the son of the Khan of Merv has joined the Tekkes with a force of several thousands of Tur-komans brought from Merv to give aid against the Russians.

The Tekkes have attacked the Russian expedition for surveying and exploring the country and rivers between Samarcand and the Amu Daria, which started on the 18th August. They were however, repulsed.

The Afghans have welcomed the expedi-tion which has pronounced the affluents of the river Amu Daria to be navigable.

Simla, Oct. 21.—On the sixteenth in-stant, a portion of the magazine in the Bala Hissar blew up at noon; constant explosions were subsequently heard. There is nothing left except a large powder ma-gazine said to contain about two hundred and fifty thousand pounds. Captain Shafto and a few Khalsas were the only per-sons inside the enclosure at the time. Altogether there were about twenty lives lost, including the Gorkhas guard at the gate, and a party of Gorkhas sitting near. The sixty-seventh foot and the Gorkhas moved out of the Bala Hissar immediately and are now en-camped on the Shah Sang range. The explosion was evidently accidental. Every precaution had been taken and endea-vours were made to save the large ma-gazine, the explosion of which would cause considerable damage.

London, Oct. 21.—The *Times* publishes a telegram from Simla, stating that the Russians operating in Turkestan have been severely repulsed, and have retired to the Uzun plain.

Simla, Oct. 21.—Captain Shafto of the 20th Gorkhas is buried in the ruins. Three dead and eleven wounded have been re-covered. The troops and inhabitants have moved to the plains.

A further message from Galaghat states that Mr Damant's death occurred at Ku-noma and not Mazina. Mr Damant went with 80 men to seize ammunition, but at the gate of the village shots were suddenly fired by the Nagas. Mr Damant was the first killed, by a bullet through the head. All the men with him were murdered and a guard below attacked; only a few of these escaped. There has been also re-ported the loss of the political officer, Jemadar Havildar Naik, 17 sepoy, and six police officers.

Bombay, Oct. 21.—The Kabul citadel was blown to pieces by a series of disas-trous explosions. The universal opinion is that it is due to treachery. The first explosion took place in the Arsenal at 1.15, and the second at four in the afternoon, the third at two in the morning. To pe-culiar is blazing in a mass of ruins.

Madras, Oct. 23.—The "Hindustan" struck on a rock half way between Sadras and Seven Pagodas. All the passengers have arrived safely at Madras. The steamer is in a very critical position, with eighteen feet of water in the hold. The passengers have only saved their cabin luggage. It is possible that when the cargo is thrown overboard or landed that the steamer may be floated, but it is very doubtful.

London, Oct. 23.—Advices from St. Petersburg state that General K. Lufmann has started for Central Asia to resume the military operations.

Obituary: Lieutenant General Milne.

Berlin, Oct. 23.—A treaty of alliance between Austria and Germany was signed on the 15th instant. The Emperor of Germany was reluctant to conclude the treaty, but Prince Bismarck threatened to resign unless he consented.

Alahabad, Kutra, Oct. 24.—Three of the largest godowns, containing a vast amount of powder, have been found intact earthed over. Capt. Shafto and the Gorkhas bodies have been dug out, and it was decided to destroy the whole of the Bala Hissar. Vast stores of warm clothing and boots were found.

Calcutta, Oct. 24.—The Government has issued most arbitrary rules for the guidance of editors and correspondents with the army in the field. They are forbidden to write without a license and being in jeeted to the mutiny act are required to wear a distinctive badge. Cypher and the use of foreign language are forbidden. A military officer is appointed censor, and it is re-quired that letters and telegrams be despatched through him, and numerous other rules prescribed.

London, Oct. 24.—The *Daily News* pub-lishes a telegram from St. Petersburg which states that Russia contemplates despatch-ing two military expeditions next spring, one under General Kaufman, consisting of 85,000 men, from Turkestan, and another from the Caucasus; both expeditions to converge on Afghanistan and assist the tribes against the English.

London, Oct. 25.—In a speech made by Lord Harington at Manchester yester-day, he said it was impossible to maintain the treaty of Gundamak, and that the abdication of Yakoub Khan precluded our placing a British Envoy at Kabul without efficient protection. He declared Lord Salisbury's foreign policy to be immoral, and welcomed the conclusion of the alliance between Austria and Ger-many as being a more effectual restraint upon Russia. His Lordship said the policy of the Liberal party was to respect the international obligations of England, which should combine with the other Powers to secure the maintenance of peace, oppose aggression, and protect the weak.

(L. & O. Express, Oct. 3.)

Latest Mail Advices:—Yokohama Aug. 16, Shanghai 20, Foochow 21, Hongkong 23. The P. & O. mail, with the advices dated as above, reached London, via Brindisi, yesterday, four days early. There are no later Japan advices, via San Fran-cisco. The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Peiho*, with the next inward mail, left Suva yesterday, being two days in advance of its due date.

A supposed Japanese girl was recently found wandering about the streets of Canterbury, and was thence despatched to Dover, in hopes that some consular authority would be found there who could understand the language she spoke. No linguist has, however, been found who understands the language she speaks; and, therefore, whatever story she may have to tell cannot be ascertained. It seems that a specimen of her handwriting has been sent to the Japanese Consulate in London; but the gentlemen there declare that there is no similitude between the writing and the language of Japan.

Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, of Ardgowan, has been nominated for the office

of Grand Master Mason of Scotland for another year.

The Royal Humane Society have awarded their silver medal to Commander Lang, R.N., for the following gallant conduct:—On July 20, when the Chinese gunboats *Epiton*, *Eta*, and *Theta* were at Plymouth, a boy named Squires, belonging to a steamer alongside the *Epiton*, was accidentally dragged overboard by a rope fastened to the gunboat. Commander Lang, hearing the cry for help, at once, without waiting to divest himself of any of his clothing, dived in to the rescue of the lad, who had sunk in eight fathoms of water, and succeeded in placing him in safety.

Capt. Compton E. Donville, who has been appointed to the command of the *Dido*, entered the Navy in 1856. He commanded the *Algerine*, gun-vessel, in China, from April, 1866, until promoted, Sept. 2, 1868, to the rank of commander, for the skill and gallantry he displayed in services against pirates in China. He was appointed in 1877 Captain of Greenwich Royal Naval College, which post he has held up to the present time.

The *Ariadne*, 8, German screw corvette, Capt. van Weimer, arrived in Plymouth Sound on the 28th ult., from the Far East, homeward bound. The usual salutes were exchanged. The Admiralty flag flying on board the *Enchantress* was also saluted with 19 guns, and the salute was returned by the *Agincourt*, lying in the Sound. After coaling the *Ariadne* proceeded.

With reference to the despatch of the 3rd Buffs to Singapore the *Army and Navy Gazette* says:—It certainly is one of those things which no fellow can under-stand why the "Buffs," who throughout behaved so well in Zululand, and heroically endured so much whilst shut up, with their gallant Colonel, Pearson, in Ekowe, should now that the war is over, be banished to Singapore, at the same time that a certain other regiment, not too favourably spoken of in the late African campaign, is sent to good quarters and good pay in India. What makes the matter the more extra-ordinary is that the Buffs (2nd Battalion) have never yet served in India, whereas the more favoured corps, when it last returned from abroad, came home from that country, where it had had a long tour of service.

Captain R. B. Teran, of the 3rd Buffs, will take charge of a draft of the 103rd Fusiliers, which has been ordered to Ceylon. The draft will consist of 270 men, all ranks.

According to the now *Navy List* published on the 1st inst., the number of Her Majesty's ships in commission on "foreign and parti-cular service" is at this moment 189, including fourteen ironclads. But this does not include vessels in the first-class reserve and on Coast Guard duty, which are also commissioned, and which count among their number other nine armour bat-talions. The most numerous fleet assembled on any station appears to be that in China under Vice-Admiral Robert Coote, a force that numbers twenty-six craft in all.

The Lords of the Admiralty have sanc-tioned the proposal of the engineers and torpedo officers of Portsmouth to have a naval battle in the Solent on the night of the 16th inst. The spaces between two of the forts at Spithead will be spread with lines of torpedoes, and the forts will be manned with gunners and engineers. Against these defences there will be ar-rayed several torpedo boats, manned by officers and seamen, and efforts will be made by the attacking party to destroy the torpedoes and seize the forts. The opera-tions, which will last some hours, and as the electric light will be employed to reveal the features of the action, an exceedingly interesting spectacle may be anticipated.

The Admiralty have issued stringent orders that flogging is not to be awarded by court martial sentence except in very aggravated circumstances, and the aboli-tion of solitary confinement except as punish-ment for breach of prison discipline. The Admiralty last week rescinded a sentence of flogging passed by a naval court-martial. The personal estate of the late Prince Louis Napoleon has been sworn under £90,000, and that of the late Sir Rowland Hill under £50,000.

A soldier at Woolwich has registered the birth of his infant son in the name of "Cleweyo."

We understand that large quantities of rifles have lately been shipped from Belgium to China.

The merchants and others opposed to the combination of shipowners have decided on holding a meeting to discuss the plan of action to be adopted. A copy of the offe-nse and defensive agreement said to have been entered into by the members of the combination has been circulated.

The P. and O. Company's steamer *Khadive* was despatched from Southampton yester-day, with the heavy portion of next outward mail. She has on board specie to the value of £291,000, including £29,000 for Penang, in Mexican dollars.

In anticipation of the meeting to be held on the 21st instant, the directors of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, Lon-don, and China have issued their report for the half-year ending June 30th last. It states that the net profit, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, is £15,451 1s. 8d., and announces an interim dividend at the rate of 4 percent. per annum for the half year. "Owing to the recovery in value of Indian Government Stocks to last year's accounts for depreciation in the bank's investments is more than is now required to adjust them at the market value on June 30th last; consequently the directors are enabled, after making this adjustment, to reopen the reserve fund account with a balance of £20,635 3s. 11d."

It is added that the extreme depression in Eastern trade and unsettled value of silver are, to a certain extent, passing away, and there is thus a better prospect for the profitable employment of the bank's resources. The balance sheet shows that the deposits amount to £3,818,477 19s. 7d.; the bills payable to £3,508,134 2s. 8d.; the notes in circulation to £247,700 10s.; the cash to £1,024,825 3s. 7d.; the bullion to £668,153 12s. 4d.; the Indian Government Stocks to £1,085,002 2s. 6d.; and the bills receivable to £4,080,456 8s.; and the loans rece

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Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "

Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20 % on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Halls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or for any other information, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	ANCHOR- AGE.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Adria	2 b	Seaton	Brit.	str.	780	Nov. 11	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai
Amazona	5 c	Lorimer	Fch.	str.	2102	Nov. 14	Messageries Maritimes	To-morrow
Amoy	4 c	Dröwes	Brit.	str.	814	Nov. 14	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow
Ava	5 c	Rolland	Fch.	str.	2183	Nov. 11	Messageries Maritimes	To-morrow
Benedi	4 c	Ross	Brit.	str.	1000	Nov. 14	Adamson, Bell & Co.	To-morrow
Bombay	4 k	Ross	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	K'wak Acheong	Amoy and Manila
Bony	5 c	Blanco	Span.	str.	222	Nov. 13	Remedios & Co.	Tog. Plym.
Fame	6 b	Stopani	Brit.	str.	117	Nov. 11	H. K. & W'pon Dock Co.	Ab'deen Dock
Gorm	5 c	Möller	Dan.	str.	750	Nov. 11	Jenssen & Co.	16th inst.
Klungchow	2 h	Love	Brit.	str.	169	Nov. 11	K'wak Acheong	18th daylight
Kwangtung	5 h	Abbott	Brit.	str.	674	Nov. 14	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Sands' Slip
Me-II	5 h	Marsden	Chi.	str.	181	Nov. 9	C. M. S. N. Co.	To-morrow
Nigata Maru	4 c	Walker	Japan.	str.	1095	Nov. 31	Mitsui Bishi M. S. S. Co.	Cos'tan Dock
Norna	3 c	Love	Brit.	str.	975	Nov. 14	K'wak Acheong	18th daylight
Olaf	5 c	Andersen	Dan.	str.	976	Nov. 14	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	18th daylight
Rajanathanbar	2 b	Hopkins	Brit.	str.	953	Nov. 10	Yuen Fat Hong	18th daylight
Scindia	8 c	Windham	Brit.	str.	1424	Nov. 10	Siemssen & Co.	18th daylight
Sea Gull	8 k	Haydon	Amer.	str.	45	Mar. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.	18th daylight
Suez	5 h	Eaton	Brit.	str.	2141	Nov. 1	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	To-morrow
Sunda	2 b	Reeves	Brit.	str.	1029	Nov. 5	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow
Tanais	5 c	Marcelle	Fch.	str.	1500	Nov. 12	Messageries Maritimes	To-morrow
Venice	5 h	Rhode	Brit.	str.	1271	Nov. 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow
Yettung	2 h	McDougall	Brit.	str.	396	Nov. 12	K'wak Acheong	16th daylight
Sailing Vessels								
Aldia	4 c	Biet	Ger.	bg.	850	Oct. 22	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg
Alva	4 c	Souza	Port.	sh.	632	Aug. 31	Brandao & Co.	Bombay
August	4 c	Riis	Ger.	bg.	296	Nov. 11	Edvard Schellhass & Co.	Portland
Belle of Oregon	4 c	Merriman	Amer.	bge.	1168	Oct. 6	Edvard Schellhass & Co.	
Bonita	4 c	Stehr	Ger. Sm. so.	341	Oct. 29	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Brenhero	3 c	Bugiolino	Ital.	bge.	766	Nov. 2	Carlowitz & Co.	
Canton	2 c	Kanderson	Siam.	sh.	779	Oct. 15	Chinese	
Chateaubriand	4 c	Leroy	Fch.	bge.	387	Sept. 21	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai
Chicola	4 c	Kannett	Brit.	bge.	284	July 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Cos'tan Dock
Elizabeth Childs	3 c	Lindbergh	Brit.	bge.	391	Nov. 9	Wieler & Co.	
Elia Beatrice	3 c	Thompson	Brit.	bge.	284	Nov. 9	Wieler & Co.	
Elia Childs	3 c	Thompson	Brit.	bge.	284	Nov. 9	Wieler & Co.	
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